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**GERMANS PLANNING
BIG MOVES TOWARD
CALAIS AND EGYPT****Will Also Try to Beat the
Italians to Albanian
Towns.****GREEK AND BULGARS MEET****Scattering Bands Opposed by Greek
Troops: Greece in Peculiar Posi-
tion can not Wish to Maintain Her
Neutrality: Allies Land Many Men.****By Associated Press.**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Albanian port of Durazzo is said to be the latest objective of the German offensive campaign in the Balkans. It is believed that the German forces are planning to move toward Calais and Egypt, and to beat the Italians to Albanian towns. The Greek and Bulgarian forces are meeting in the region, and the Greek troops are scattering bands opposed by Greek troops. Greece is in a peculiar position, as she cannot wish to maintain her neutrality. The allies are landing many men in the region.

**RUSSIAN GIVE MORE
REPORTED NEAR VARNA**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Arrival of the Russian expedition of the Athens coast is reported by the Athens Telegram. The Russian forces are giving more reports near Varna.

**BULGARIAN SETTLEMENT
DELAID BY GERMANY.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Full settlement of the Bulgarian case including reparations for the lives of the American victims, which it became known today recently was near, has been postponed by the German government. The settlement is delayed by Germany.

British Vessels Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The British merchant ship, the "Humber," was sunk by a German submarine. The ship was carrying a large cargo of goods.

Missing Girl Located

The little daughter of a Dutch family, who was missing for several days, has been located. The girl was found safe and sound.

CIVIL COURT CONTINUED

There Will be No Civil Session in January: May Go Until Fall. Special to The Courier.

**INJURY TO BOY
STARTS PROTEST
AGAINST AUTOS**

South Pittsburg Street Residents Say Street is a
Speedway.

LAD RUN DOWN BY A TRUCK

Physician Finds It Necessary to Put
Several Stitches in His Head: Speed
Limit Forged Over Newly Paved
Street of South Side Street.

BASEBALL PEACE SURE

Meeting of All Concerned in Club
CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The meeting of representatives of organized baseball and the National League, which was held in Cincinnati today, was a success. The meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a peace settlement between the two organizations.

**STICKS MORE NOW
TO DIE FUNERAL
EXPENSE GOES UP**

Livermen Add \$1 a Cab Charge
Cause of Compensation
and Other Things.

PASS IT ON TO CONSUMER

Laundrymen are Planning to Stop on
An Extra Charge to Cover Premium
Costs: Each Cab at a Funeral Will
Hereafter Cost \$5 Instead of \$4.

CENTENARIAN IS DEAD

Andrew Dillinger, Native of Greene
County, Dies at 100.

HIGHWAY SHAKED UP

Commissioner Cunningham Announces
Changes in His Department.

STORK IS BUSY

Daughter at Mother's Home: Son at
Sullivan's.

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**MOUNT PLEASANT TO DEMAND
SQUARE DEAL FROM PENNSY**

Council Meets Tonight for Purpose of
Pursuing Railroad Service.

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 21.—A
special meeting of the town council
will be held tonight for the purpose
of discussing the proposed new
railroad service to be established
between the town and the
Pennsylvania railroad.

**Special Exercises are Ob-
served in the Grade Rooms
This Afternoon.**

The high school held its Christmas
vacation exercises in the grade
rooms this afternoon. The exercises
were observed by the principal and
the teachers.

CAROLS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

Youngsters Will Have a Holiday Un-
til January 10; Out of Town Teach-
ers are Departing for Their Homes
to Enjoy the Mid-Year Vacation.

POOR MAIL SERVICE

Dawson District Hard Hit by Changes
in Train Schedule.

**PRACTICABLE PLAN
FOR ADJUSTMENT OF
THOMPSON'S AFFAIRS**

Believed to Have Been
Worked Out by the Spe-
cial Committee.

EASTERN CAPITALISTS TO AID

A Permanent Committee Representing
Both Secured and Unsecured Credit-
ors to Act in Place of the Temporary
Committee: Plan Up to Creditors.

NEW PLOT DISCOVERED

Government Agents Find Another
Conspiracy Against Nationality.

MAKES NEW PROTEST

British Consul: Too Close, State De-
partment Says.

RAPE PROHIBITION

Model License League Speaker Says
Too Late Turned.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 21.

The prohibition law, which was
passed by the legislature, is now
being enforced in Louisville. The
law is being enforced by the police
department.

FULL CREW HEARINGS

Public Service Commission Con-
sidering Complaints of Trainers.

NORWEGIAN WOMEN HOSTS

Female Contingent of Food Party at
Lunch.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 21.

The women of the Food party
were entertained at lunch today by
the Norwegian women. The women
were very friendly and hospitable.

WANTS TO GO TO JAIL

Man Arrested Here Says He'd Like
a 60-Day Sentence.

FOREIGN RAIL ORDERS

The Pennsylvania Steel Company
has been awarded a contract for
65,000 tons of steel for the French
government. The contract is for
the construction of a railway.

**Fire Which is Believed to Have
Originated from a Gas Radiator, Gutted
the Interior of the Mount Olive
Church (Colored) at Uniontown
Last Night, Causing a Loss
Estimated at About \$1,000.****Weather Forecast**

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The cabinet of the Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal Church met last evening at the home of Miss Blanche Strawn in Johnston avenue. The business of the evening was proposed for membership. Plans were discussed for resuming the Junior League work the first of the year. It was decided to hold a reception for the little folks to be held Thursday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. A committee composed of Miss Myrtle McDuff, Miss Blanche Strawn, Miss Harriet Clark, Mrs. G. L. Richardson and Mrs. Ralph Sliger was appointed to arrange for the reception. Tomorrow evening Miss Jeannette Kinnear of Pittsburgh, who accompanied her father around the world last year in the interest of missions, will give a talk on her trip using lantern slides to illustrate things which she saw on her trip. Elizabeth Anderson will sing, and a silver offering will be taken. The Epworth League has made arrangements to send a Christmas box containing canned goods, groceries, quilt patches, yarns, etc., or after suitable to aged persons to the Hamilton Home for the Aged at Brownburg. There are two members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city in the home. The box will be sent Thursday evening and persons having contributions to make are asked to bring them to prayer meeting tomorrow evening.

Miss Edith Simpson, daughter of Mrs. Allen Simpson of Grindstone and Samuel Patton of Holloway, O., were married yesterday at the Second Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. Rev. Dr. Scott Bowman, the pastor, officiated.

Invitations have been issued for the annual assembly hall of the Laurel Club, Uniontown, to be held Thursday evening, December 30, in the club room. Miss Edith Simpson of Pittsburgh will furnish the music. The house committee composed of Theodore D. Bliss, chairman, Dr. F. C. Robinson and W. B. Beeson, is in charge.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Outlook Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. L. Burgess on Vine street. A beautiful Christmas story was read by Mrs. Burgess. Others who participated in the program were Mrs. W. L. Clark, Mrs. Cressland, Miss Phoebe Dunn, and Mrs. J. B. Davis. Refreshments were served. The annual covered dish luncheon of the club will be held Monday afternoon, January 4, at the home of Miss Sarah Allen in West Green street.

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Macnebbes will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Macnebbes Hall.

A dance will be held Saturday evening in the Armory under the auspices of Company D.

Miss Harriet Herriman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Herriman of Kansas City, and Harold Wesley Collins, formerly of Smithfield, and now of Kansas City, were married on Wednesday evening, December 15.

PERSONAL.
Solemn Theatre today—Mary Fuller in "Under the Sun," a comedy, "The Connecting Link," a comedy, "The Boarding House," and "A Shepherd's Revenge," both comedies. Tomorrow, Edgar Selwyn in "Pierce of the Plains."—Adv.

John Doyle of Pittsburgh was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brennan of West Fayette street, last night. This morning he left for Altoona to visit friends.

Mrs. J. P. K. Miller of Scotland, was shopping in town yesterday. Oh my! how delicious! That's what she said when she tasted the new Jamon Choculot at Stauffer's Book Store. They make an acceptable gift.—Adv.

Miss Marie Phegan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Phegan of Trotter, has gone to Pittsburgh to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. Hanes.

Mrs. P. H. Smith of West Green street has returned from a visit with relatives in Fairmont, O.

Our line of candles are guaranteed to be pure and the prices are right. P. B. Luterman, 113 South Pittsburgh Street.—Adv.

Mrs. Clara Jiles and son, Kenneth, of Gary, Ind., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker of South Connelville.

Misses Cora and Laura Barnhart went to Pittsburgh this morning. Mrs. Charles Watson went to Confluence this morning to visit relatives. What do you want to spend for a Christmas gift, \$1.00 or \$1.50? Why not slippers—always useful and appreciated. Downs' Shoe Store has the nice ones.—Adv.

Mrs. A. R. Miller of Republic, was a Connelville visitor yesterday. Miss Lattie Bull of Broad, Ford, was in town yesterday on her return from a visit in Uniontown.

Stauffer's Book Store carries the same line of stationery that Mrs. Wilson had her wedding invitations engraved on. The famous Royal Irish linen.—Adv.

Mrs. Michael Goldberg and baby of McKeesport, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Goodman at the Young House.

Mrs. Richard Howell of Dawson, was shopping in town today.

If you have jewelry or musical instruments on your shopping list, don't forget Herzberg's.—Adv.

Mrs. S. M. Faust went to Pittsburgh this morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. William Billhartz and other relatives.

Miss Eleanor Herlick went to Pittsburgh this morning.

Christmas gifts—always useful and appreciated. Downs' Shoe Store has the reliable kind of footwear.—Adv.

Mrs. Guy Riser and two children of Pittsburgh, who have been visiting at the home of the former's father, J. D. Wilson in East Purview avenue,

have gone to Uniontown to visit relatives.

The demand for Christmas souvenirs at the Globe last night was so great that Manager Wagner has ordered 1,500 more for distribution Wednesday afternoon and night.—Adv.

Remember that for pipes, tobacco, cigars and trunks, we have them all in quality and price. P. B. Luterman, 113 South Pittsburgh street.—Adv.

The condition of Mrs. Della Still, woman who has been ill at her home in Snyder street is greatly improved.

Mrs. Charles Gary of South Pittsburgh street, was the guest of relatives in Uniontown yesterday.

Miss Lydia Herwick who has been at Stauffer's since the illness and death of her father, Joseph Herwick, returned home this morning.

Downs' Shoe Store is open every night till 9 o'clock, ready to serve you with useful Christmas gifts.—Adv.

How about a nice violin for your boy? Herzberg's.—Adv.

Fred Johnson of Morgan, was in town this morning on business.

Miss Clara Baker has resigned as stenographer for Sam F. Bond & Company to accept a position in the Pennsylvania National Bank. Miss Nellie Sweeney of Greenwood succeeds Miss Baker.

Mrs. T. J. Brennan and daughter, Miss Esther of West Fayette street, arrived home Saturday night from Chicago, where they were guests of the former's aunt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan. This morning Mrs. Brennan went to Pittsburgh to spend the day.

Mrs. J. C. Bouler of Boston, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sherrick.

The condition of Dr. H. H. McIntyre, a victim of blood poisoning, is greatly improved today.

UPHOLD CLARK ACT
Foot Front Rats in Paying Assessments Held Not Discriminatory.

Residents of York who fought the provisions of the Clark third class city law which permit the assessment of street paving costs according to the front foot rule lost their case this week.

Judge Ross of the York county court yesterday handed down a decision upholding the manner of making assessments. The property owners sought to show that the forms of paving assessments under the act permitted discrimination by city council.

Since becoming a third class city Connelville has had but two of its newly assessed streets paved. The voters used the foot front rule for Ashman and Baldwin avenues but the court has not yet approved their methods.

NEVER MIND, HUBBY.
No One Expects You to Know What Would Please Her.

Anything you bought would be out of date or out of fashion when it ought to be straight, but money is always tight, never out of date. So give her money. A checking account for her very own with the old reliable First National. When you're at it, better open a Savings Account for the children, with a dollar or more.—Adv.

SEEK MISSING MAN.
Relatives of Steve Guzzie of California, Pa., Looking For Him.

Efforts are being made to locate Steve Guzzie, 20 years old, who left his home in California, Pa., on August 20 and is now believed to be working in the mines of the Connelville region.

The missing man's mother, Mrs. Sweeney Guzzie, died suddenly and it is desired to locate him.

Get Marriage Licenses.
Harry E. Williams of Connelville, Catherine H. Boyd of Mount Pleasant, George Dunford and Eva Coffman, both of Fayette county, Georgia, and Queen and Clara N. Nicholson, both of Scotland, were granted marriage licenses in Greenburg yesterday.

Dunbar Girl a Bride.
The marriage of Miss Eva G. Walker, daughter of Mr. A. H. Ross of Dunbar, and Ernest B. Sayres, a business man of Egg Harbor, N. J., will take place Friday. Miss Walker formerly resided at Dunbar.

Harry Dunn Has Grip.
Harry Dunn is confined to his home in South Prospect street with a severe attack of grip. He rested last night and today his condition is slightly improved. As first pneumonia was feared.

Notice to Miss Superintendents.
If you have Steve Guzzie, 20 years old; employed at your mine, advise him that his mother died suddenly yesterday, and please advise me if he is located. J. A. Harvath, undertaker, California, Pa.—Adv.

Late Arrival.
Owing to the late arrival of our beautiful line of Cut Glass, China, ware and Toilet Articles, we are compelled to advertise same for quick sale and will allow full one-third off William Herzberg, 140 West Main Street.—Adv.

Suffering From Grip.
Misses Florence and Jane Buttermore, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Buttermore of East Snyder street, are confined to their home with a mild attack of the grip.

Condition Is Improved.
Miss Laura O'Connor, who has been ill of diphtheria at her home in First street, West Side, is convalescing. She is able to sit down today.

Has the Measles.
Morris Withers, a year old son of Special Officer Al F. Withers, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, is ill with measles.

The Grim Reaper

ROBERT LEE LOCKRIDGE.
Robert Lee Lockridge, 51 years old, a resident of South Brownsville for a number of years, died yesterday morning following a several months' illness.

RICHARD D. KERFOOT.
The funeral of Richard D. Kerfoot will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence in South alley. Rev. J. S. Shawers, pastor of the United Brethren Church, will officiate. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

ELIZABETH TISSUE.
The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Tissue was held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from her home in West York corner and from the Indian Creek Baptist Church. The funeral was one of the largest held in that vicinity in recent years. Rev. Worthington officiated. Interment in the Indian Creek Baptist cemetery.

CATHERINE MAHAFFA.
Catherine Mahaffa, 21 months old, died yesterday at her parents' residence at Broad Ford, in Mount Pleasant. She is survived by her mother, three sons and three daughters.

BENJAMIN JORDAN.
Benjamin Jordan, 72 years old, died yesterday at his home at the White Rocks. He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

MRS. LENA BIGGAR.
The body of Mrs. Lena Biggar, an Indian here this morning from Indian Creek and was removed by funeral Director J. L. Spader to the Immanuel Cemetery Church where funeral services will be held. Many friends and relatives of the deceased attended. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

FACING COAL FAMINE
Hullman Embargoes Creating Serious Conditions in New England.

New England is facing a coal famine worse than any that existed since the Civil War, as a direct result of the coal shortage situation. Buyers are rushing to the markets in great numbers, frantic in their efforts to get coal, and what is more important to them to get means of transportation. Situations coal, regardless of quality, brought \$7 a ton in Providence, R. I., Saturday, free on cars. Good quality coal could be bought in two months' time. \$2.75. Stocks are being depleted and some industrial plants are calling for coal regardless of quality.

The coal famine in the New England situation became so acute, this, however, has reached a point where the situation is becoming desperate. The coal famine faces the entire New England territory and New York is by no means immune.

The coal famine and general congestion at the terminals is responsible for the situation. The tracks leading to South Albany, N. Y., are congested with freight, other than coal, that makes it a physical impossibility to get cars of coal through to this important inland point.

The Philadelphia & Reading railroad has limited its acceptance of coal cars at Shippensburg, Pa., to twelve in a day. This is the point at which deliveries are made from the mines from the Western Maryland and West Virginia districts to the Philadelphia & Reading.

This congestion may be withdrawn on very short notice and amplified by notice of re-opened shipments at this point.

WINDING UP YEAR
South Connelville Council Will Soon Hold Last Meeting.

The present South Connelville council will hold its last session to wind up business for the year on the night of December 30. At the end of the year, the council will be re-elected. J. L. Miller, Grant Miford and Charles Durbin will retire. Two of the present body, Christ Kleish and G. R. Wadsworth, hold over.

The new councilmen are all Republicans: Ernest Burkhardt, G. R. Langford, R. S. Pierce and Sherman Langford. The new councilmen are all Republicans: Ernest Burkhardt, G. R. Langford, R. S. Pierce and Sherman Langford.

Other new officers to take charge in South Connelville after January 1 are William Slay, burgess; Norval Morgan, high constable; and Roy Trembly, auditor.

The new school directors, W. H. Bruce and W. P. Hestrick, have already assumed office.

MAY INDICT DOCTOR.
Law After Physician Who Allowed Defective Baby to Die.

By Associated Press.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—Attorney General Lacey in a letter today to Mackley Hayne, states attorney of Cook county, asked that Dr. Harvey J. Friedman, who allowed the defective Bollinger baby to die in the German American Hospital in Chicago November 17, be brought before the grand jury for investigation.

He is to be indicted if he is amenable to the criminal laws of the state.

ADDRESSES RAILROADERS.
Baltimore & Ohio Forces Hires Talk on Fuel Economy.

At a meeting of locomotive engineers and firemen and other employees of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad last evening at the Hyattman building, talks on fuel economy and proper utilization of engines was given by G. E. Wilson of Pittsburgh, supervisor of locomotive operation of the road.

Talks were also given by Engineers C. R. Watson, J. F. Engle and William Nesbit.

Must Take Out License.
Dealers who sell oleomargarine and who wish to continue selling it after January 1 must have a 119 license or have made an application for one.

Licensed to Wed.
Oscar Harne and Olga Klinger, both of Morrell, were granted a marriage license in Uniontown yesterday.

OPEN EVENINGS.
5 DAYS MORE HURRY!

THE E. DUNN STORE

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS STORE

North Pittsburgh Street, Open till 10 P. M.

Christmas Greetings Will Soon Be In Order

Will you be ready to accept yours to its fullest extent? Let us help you make others happy and in doing this you will find the true Christmas spirit. ALL GIFT THINGS CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED FOR QUICK SELECTION!

Suits, Coats, Dresses

Less Than Half Price

DO YOU KNOW A BARGAIN?

We have on display one rack full of Coats, Suits and Dresses, former values from \$18.00 to \$32.50. Now selling at

\$9.98

These consist of this season's styles—absolutely—and we consider them big values at their former prices, but to make room for inside alterations in the department we must have quick results. Do you realize the saving?

Neckwear, Boudoir Caps, Shopping Bags and Ribbon

SPECIAL:
Fine quality leather Shopping Bags, leather or fancy cloth lining, fitted with purse and mirror and vanity sets; excellent value at \$1.00. Our price... 59c

Leather Bags.
Of the newest plain and oval bottom shapes, German Silver frames, with plain and colored stone settings in clasp; some with safety catches. Fitted with purse and mirror and colored cloth and leather lining. Very special at 98c.

Excellent Assortments.
Of high grade Shopping Bags, in the very newest shapes, fine quality leather, plain or pleated; vanity fittings of three and five inch widths; 60c values, yard. 25c

Silk Ribbons.
Neckwear at 25c to \$1.50.
Fine hand and machine embroidered neck pieces of the newest styles and fashions in Oregon, Lawns, Crope de Chine and Georgette. Crope, each piece in a separate box, at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Silk Ribbons.
Antique, fancy, warp prints, Dressings, also satin and tulle, extra wide, 6 1/2 and 7 1/2 inch widths; 60c values, yard. 25c

TOILET BAGS AND PERFUMES, THE CELEBRATED LUNDBORG'S, at 24c, 39c, 49c.

Handkerchiefs—BEST ASSORTMENT AND BIGGEST VALUES SHOWN HERE.

MEN'S INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS.
Finest soft finish cambric, hemstitched borders with white or colored initials in various styles; 50 each or 100 box of 6; 15c each or 75c box of 6.

MEN'S LITEN HANDKERCHIEFS.
Longfellow block, open work or initial surrounded with crests, white and colored embroidery:
25c each, or \$1.00 for box of 6.
25c each, or \$1.40 for box of 6.
50c each, or \$1.00 for box of 6.
50c each, or \$2.15 for box of 6.

TRAVELING BAGS
If you are considering a Traveling Bag for "His" or "Her" Christmas gift, let us show you the merits of our assortment. Genuine Cowhide Bags at \$10.00 to Leatherette Bags at \$1.50.
Suit Cases from \$1.00 to \$8.50.

MEN'S TOILET SETS.
Men's Toilet Sets in leather cases, to use in traveling bags for Pullman service or for dresser use at home—in ivory and ebony at \$1.50 to \$6.50.
Men's Bath Robes... \$2.00 to \$5.00.

WOMEN'S INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS.
Elaborate embroidery designs, in white and colors, 50c, 10c, 25c.

WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS.
Princess and Petit Venice Lace-edge Handkerchiefs; new and pretty designs, at 25c, 50c, to \$1.00.

HAND EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.
Beautiful new designs in new and elaborate pattern and exceptional qualities of pure Irish linen, lettered edges, corded borders, satin stripes and hemstitchings in all widths, at 15c, 25c, to \$2.00.

WOMEN'S EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS.
Three in box; all-white or colored embroidery; 70c value, the 3 for 39c.

THROUGHOUT THE STORE
Many practical gifts greet you as you enter our doors and we feel sure that your taste and purse will be pleased. For suggestions we offer these:
—Sweaters, Skating Sets, Knitted Scarfs, Hosiery, Manicure Sets, Silverware, Umbrellas, Perfumery, Shopping Bags, Art Baskets, Waste Baskets, Sewing Baskets, Turkish Towels, Bedspreads, Blankets, Turkish Playthings, Crib Blankets, Squeezes, Coats, and a hundred and one things we cannot mention here.

TRY OUR CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS FOR RESULTS—It's A WONDER!

Candy! Candy! Candy!

We are headquarters for Candy, Fruit and Nuts for the Holidays. Our Candies are all made at home and are guaranteed pure, and prices are lower than you can buy elsewhere. Give us a call and be convinced.

We Will Save You Money

Royal Mixed Candy, 3 pounds.	25c
Top Notch Jelly Candy, 3 pounds.	25c
San Toy Caramels, a pound.	10c
Large M. M. Toys, a pound.	10c
Peanut Brittle, a pound.	10c
Chocolate Drops, 2 pounds.	25c
Cocoanut Bon-Bone, 2 pounds.	25c
Chocolate Fountains, 25c grade, a pound.	18c
Monarch Mixed Candy, 35c grade, a pound.	18c
Queen Mixed Candy, 35c grade, a pound.	25c
Drop Mixed Hard Candy, a pound.	10c
Fancy Mixed Nuts, a pound.	15c
Fancy Paper Shell Almonds, a pound.	25c
Fancy California Walnuts, a pound.	25c
Full Dressed Chickens, per pound.	25c
Also Finest Full Dressed Turkeys.	Prices Right
Small Pork Loin Chops or Roast, per pound.	15c
Good Pork Roast, per pound.	15c
Square Deal Bacon, 2 pounds.	25c

FANCY FLORIDA FRUITS FROM OUR OWN GROVE, ALL RIPPED ON THE TREES.
Oranges, as to size, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c dozen. Tangerines, as to size, 20c, 25c dozen. Grape Fruit, from 5c each to 3 for 25c.

Fancy Boxes of Candy in one-half and pound boxes, from 15c to \$1.50 each.

BAUR'S AND WARD'S CAKES AND ROLLS FOR FRIDAY.

J. R. Davidson Co.

"THE STORE THAT DOES THINGS FOR YOU."

109 West Main Street, Connellsville, Pa.

CHRISTMAS PAY IS BEING GIVEN RAILROAD MEN

Connellsville Division Employees Get Their Checks First.

TRAFFIC BOOM AT FAIRMONT

Heavy Coal Movement Results in Every Man Being Kept Constantly on the Job; Monongah Division Trainmen Want Tonnage Reduced.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad, wishing to give their employees a pay in time to use it for Christmas, has changed the pay schedule in order to give the local division employees their money first. The date of the pay has also been moved up several days, as the pay would not be due until after the 25th.

Notice was sent out yesterday that the employees of the east end would be paid today. The railroaders knew that a pay would be had before Christmas, but it was the general opinion that it would come either on Thursday or Friday. Ordinarily the west end employees are paid the first day.

A large pay will be given out on this division for Christmas. Although there has been one pay already this month, every employee that was able to do so, worked every day and then the men on train crews not only the required amount of several days, but a week.

BOOM AT FAIRMONT. Every railroad man or woman able to do railroad work, has been given a job by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Fairmont. At that place no one is allowed to lay off except in case of death, sickness or marriage.

As a result of the full rail, a 350 car load of coal were hauled out of the yards last week and shipped to points east. Officials there expect that with a sufficient supply that from six to ten thousand loads could be moved in a week.

WANT TONNAGE REDUCED. Individual treatment of the Baltimore & Ohio have filed a case before the Public Service Commission at Charleston, W. Va. asking that the maximum tonnage of trains over the Monongahela division be reduced 100 tons to lessen the inconvenience from smoke in passing through tunnels, especially between Charleston and Fairmont. The railroad company estimates that the tonnage of the division is 1,000,000 tons, the lowest on the system.

HEADLIGHT FLASHES. William Groch of South Connellsville who has been employed as a fireman of a station engine in the yards here, has secured a job as a brakeman for the Baltimore & Ohio on the Sheepshead division.

It is reported a carpenter foreman working on the new turntable in the yards, was hit on the side of his head last evening by a plank. He was standing near the turntable and when it started a plank was flying around, inflicting an injury near the ear.

At J. Campbell of the West Side an engine on the Sheepshead division is laying off for a few days. His home caught fire Sunday morning and was partly burned.

Frank Brown, a Baltimore & Ohio engineer at Fairmont is here spending a few days with friends.

Statistics of business handled by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on its lines from Parkersburg to Cincinnati and Louisville to St. Louis, shows that last year 11,000,000 pieces, including all kinds of trucks and valises, were handled.

The Baltimore & Ohio has brought 15 carpenters here from Indiana, Pa. to do the carpenter work on form for the new turntable. The excavation is partly done and the carpenters are already making their home preparatory to placing the concrete.

Joe Conaway of Fairmont, a former Baltimore & Ohio railroader, will leave soon for New York, where he will join a musical comedy company, "Musical Girls." Up until last week he was a brakeman for the Baltimore & Ohio at Altoona.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad owns more cars per mile of track than any other road in the United States. According to statistics the road has 22 cars for each mile of track operated.

Marlin T. Croft, for several years division operator of the Monongahela division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, died Friday at Grafton. He was well known on this division. For the past 24 years he had been employed in the telegraph department, being first train dispatcher at the time of his death.

After the concrete work on the turntable in the yards is finished, the concrete mixer will be taken to the new pit, where a new bed of concrete will be put in.

CONFLUENCE

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 21.—Word was received here yesterday that Ursula King, a well known barber of Ursula, had died very suddenly Sunday night while on a visit to his daughter at Murkleton. He was well known here.

John Fisher of Bradock, visited friends here yesterday.

Mrs. G. R. McDonald has returned from a visit with friends in Pittsburgh and Bradock.

Mrs. John Hostetter who has been visiting friends in Connellsville, was here yesterday on her way to Friendsville to visit friends.

Reveling meetings will begin in the Methodist Episcopal Church here on January 2. Rev. L. W. LeFlore, pastor.

Mrs. Mary Frazer has returned to her home in Sumnerfield, after visiting friends in Connellsville and Uniontown.

G. G. Croft was a business visitor in Somerset yesterday.

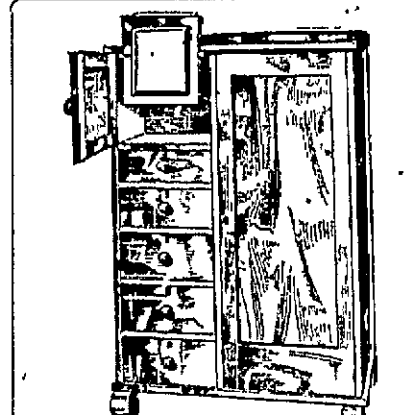
Charles Plunkett of Ohio, was calling on relatives here Sunday.

David Cronin of the West Side is able to be around again, after a several days' illness.

AARON'S "SATISFACTION GUARANTEE."

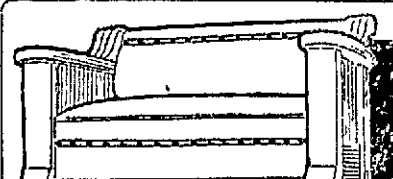
That means that every purchase you make at Aaron's at any time must give satisfaction. And we stand back of this guarantee at all times.

"THE HOME OF USEFUL GIFTS"



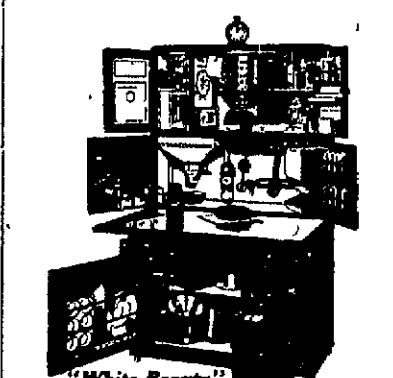
A Bachelor Wardrobe for Your Husband, Son or Father \$21.50

What Gift could you give a man that would be more appreciated than this handsome Bachelor Wardrobe? That's what he wants. There's a place in it to keep everything he wears—a hat box, 5 drawers and a full length wardrobe that will accommodate a complete suit of clothes. Make your selection now, while the assortment is big.



\$45.00 Duo-Fold Bed Davenport \$29.00

This beautiful Davenport is just as pictured. Has spring edge near window, not ordinary found in Davenports at this price. Guaranteed Spanish imitation leather upholstery. Genuine quartered oak frame in turned oak finish. Spring seat and back. Opens into full size bed with two motions.



"White Beauty" The New Model "White Beauty" 1916 Model The Famous Hoosier Cabinet. It Makes a Grand Christmas Gift.

Order early for delivery for Christmas. There is no Christmas gift that will be so satisfactory to your wife. We urge you to send now for complete information about this wonderful new cabinet.

Don't put this off. Don't let this golden opportunity pass you by. Buy a Hoosier now. You will get the greatest convenience you ever had in your home, at the biggest bargain for which a kitchen cabinet was ever sold.

The Practical Gift FURNITURE

The greatest satisfaction that comes from Christmas Gift giving is to know that you have made others happy and contented.

And the worth of the Gift is not measured by its cost—but by the care that is taken in its choosing. The name of AARON adds to the value of the Gift because it means that a most careful and judicious selection has been made.

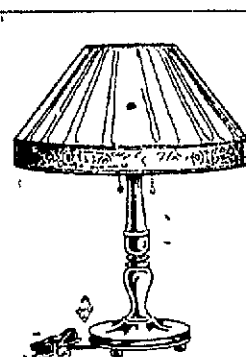
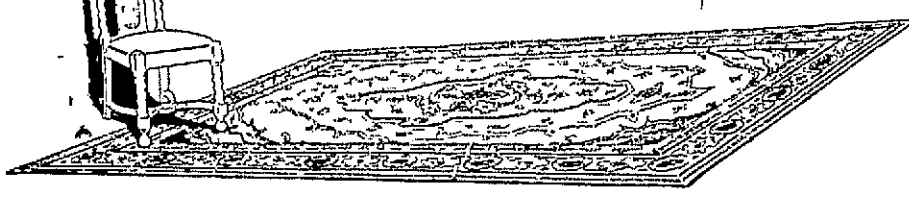
Every piece of merchandise in this large money-saving store is reliable and made of the highest quality materials—we GUARANTEE them to give satisfaction. Furniture and other household needs are the logical Christmas Gifts because they last the whole year 'round and make those happy that receive them.

That's why we urge you to make your Gift selections here and now. The time is growing short—why not drop in today?

See Our Windows for Practical Gift Suggestions

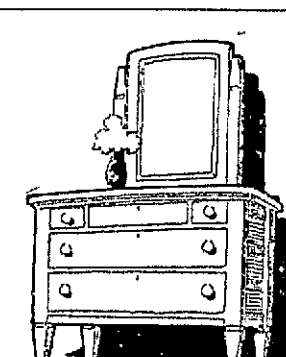
Genuine Tapestry Brussels Rugs, upward from \$11.75

Visit one of the largest Carpet Departments in the state and make your selection of one of our beautiful Rugs. Prices lower than anywhere in the city.



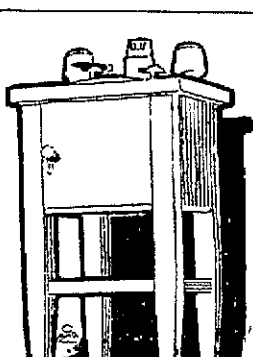
Electric Lamps, up from \$4.75

We are showing a beautiful line of Electric and Gas Lamps in our Lamp Department at special prices during the holidays.



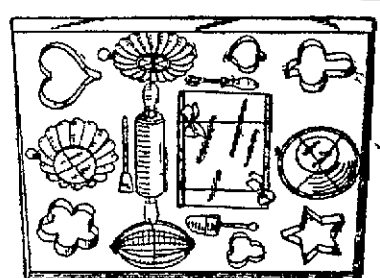
\$23.50 White Enamel Dresser \$16.75

This Dresser is just as pictured. Has 10 inch top, two large drawers and three small drawers. 30x18 in. French Plate Mirror, an ideal Dresser for the Guest Room.



Smoking Stands of every description. Prices range from \$1.25 \$15 down to \$1.25

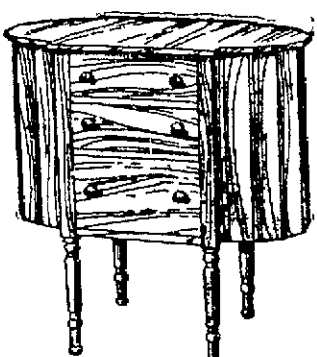
Golden Oak Turned Oak. Early English and Mahogany.



15-Piece Pastry Set, Wednesday Special 25c

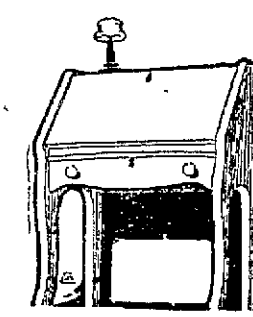
This set consists of fifteen (15) Kitchen Utensils, all neatly arranged in fancy covered cardboard carton 12x14 inches. The contents are:

- 1 Wood Noodle Board
- 1 Wood Rolling Pin
- 1 Blue Enamelled Bowl
- 3 Jelly Moulds, Blue Enamelled, White Lined
- 4 Large Cake Cutters
- 2 Small Cake Cutters
- 1 Scoop Tin
- 1 Cutting Wheel Tin and Wooden Handle
- 1 Cake Ladle Tin



This Solid Mahogany Martha Washington Sewing Table. Special for \$12.75 the Holidays

A Gift that is sure to please the recipient.



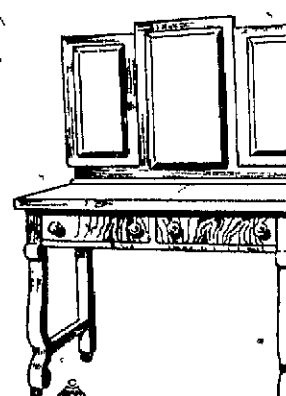
Ladies' Writing Desks, \$50 down to \$6.75

Open in the Evening Until Christmas.

Christmas Suggestions

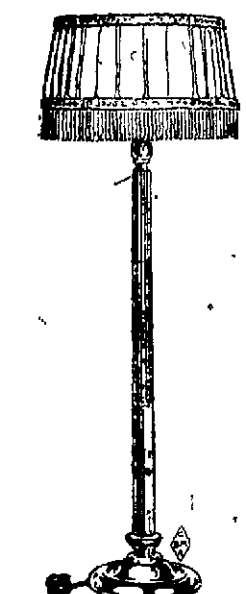
MAHOGANY ROCKERS
SEWING TABLES
KITCHEN CABINETS
PIANO BENCHES
LADIES' DESKS
DINING CHAIRS

GOODS DELIVERED WHEN WANTED.

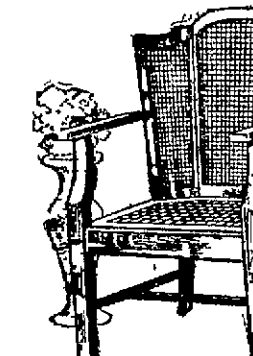


\$25.00 Genuine Quarter Sawed Oak Dressing Table, three mirrors. \$18.75

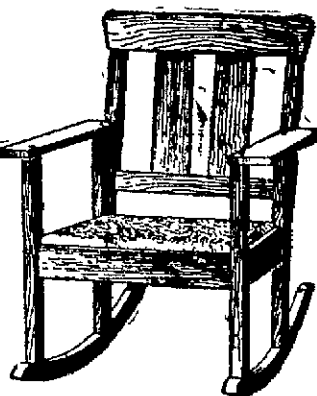
Special Price \$18.75



Piano Floor Lamps, ranging in price from \$35 down to \$18



Parlor Rockers and Chairs of every description. Ranging in price from \$75 down to \$2.50



WHILE THEY LAST Large Size Child's Rocker, Fumed Oak Finish; Best Grade Imitation Leather Seat. \$1.35

Special \$1.35

This Rocker is not a toy, but a large size Rocker for a child six or seven years of age.

COME EARLY

COMMUNITY TREE AT MT. PLEASANT TO SHINE A WEEK

It Will be Lighted for the
First Time on Christ-
mas Eve.

SPECIAL EXERCISES PLANNED

School Children Will Sing, Band to
Play and Other Features on the
Program; No Text This Year, as
the Weeks Are Now Running Full.

Special to The Courier.
MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 21.—The
program for the exercises in connec-
tion with the community Christmas
tree have been announced by Stephen
Arkwright, chairman of the com-
mittee. On Christmas eve, at 7.30, all
the church bells of the city will be
tuned and the lights will be flashed on
the tree. The school children, under
direction of Principal U. L. Gordy,
will sing. The Municipal Band, under
direction of Ormy Zuck, will give a
concert.

On Christmas night the tree will be
illuminated, but there will be no spe-
cial exercises. Sunday evening there
will be a sacred concert, including
vocal and instrumental solos, duets,
quartets and choruses.

The tree will be lighted each even-
ing during the week and there will
be band concerts on Wednesday and
Friday evenings preceding New Year's.
There will be no text this year, as
all the weeks are running full and there
has been little demand for charity.

The fire and water committee of
council met at the municipal
building last evening and held an in-
spection of the rubber clothes of the
firemen. Rubber suits and coats
will be bought for every man in the
department.

Alex Graham went before Justice of
the Peace Frank Fletcher yesterday and
paid \$7 for Sunday selling rather than
be arrested.

Christie John G. Thompson was
yesterday killed a dog that had St. Vitus
dances. The owner of the dog could
not be found.

The closing of St. Joseph's school
was marked by a very pretty enter-
tainment, given for the benefit of the
new church.

The following musical program will
be rendered at the Resurrection Presby-
terian church on next Sunday morning at
11 o'clock. Miss Adelaide Ramsey,
organist; "O Come, O Come, O Come
Let Us Adore Thee," Miss Adore
Bridgman; "The Star of Bethlehem,"
quartet; "Gloria," Miss Elizabeth Ramsey;

Miss Helen Carr, Solo; "The Star of
Bethlehem," George Barrett; solo; "The
Star of Bethlehem," John Downman; chorus;
"Hail the Lord of Glory," choir; postlude,
"Hail the Lord of Glory." On
Tuesday night the pastor, Rev. J. E.
Watkins, will read Burrell's Chris-
tmas story.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock
the young people's societies of the
Methodist Episcopal church, the
Methodist Episcopal church, Mr.
Crisman, president of the Epworth
League of the Methodist Episcopal
church will lead.

Mrs. Mary Julia aged 23 years, who
died at her home, was buried in the
local cemetery yesterday morning. She
leaves a husband and three children.

Mrs. Macabee, a well known colored
woman, aged 55 years, who died in the
hospital, was buried in the local cemetery
yesterday.

Tony Riboy, one year old, of Rock-
town, was buried in the St. Joseph's
cemetery here yesterday.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 21.—Steve
Hanchell and Minto May drink were
here Saturday evening.

D. S. Smith and wife motored to
Uniontown Saturday evening where
they were Christmas shopping.

Ernest Young of Point Marion was
a business visitor here Saturday.
A. A. Hunkin of Georges No. 4 was
a business visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. J. N. O'Neil returned Sunday
evening from a three-day visit with
relatives at Uniontown and Fair-
bank.

Members of the different churches
and many of the borough, Sun-
day and held a prayer service. Miss
Sturgis is the only surviving member
of a once prominent family of this
community. Miss Sturgis, daughter of the
late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sturgis.

E. B. O'Neil was a Uniontown bus-
iness visitor Monday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the
Methodist Episcopal church will hold
their second food sale Friday.
James Daugherty of Fairbank
was a borough visitor Monday.

Grant Spiker and wife were Union-
town shoppers Monday.

Mrs. Charles Miller was a Union-
town shopper Monday.

John Luffe of Uniontown was a
business caller here Monday.
G. A. Penner and son, Ray, were
business visitors in Uniontown Mon-
day.

Albert M. Grimm is moving from
the T. G. Showalter property to his
own property in Georges township.
James Kennedy moved Monday
from the Burton property to the G.
M. Grimm property on Water street.
P. S. Brooks was a business visitor
at Bowwood Monday.

BOOKS HIGH.
Increased Cost of Paper Hits Paris
By Associated Press.
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Books, following
the upward tendency of many articles
of necessity, now cost ten per cent
more than before the war, to the retail
bookseller. Whether the reader will
have to pay this increase the retailers
have not yet decided.

The reasons given for the advance
by the publishers is the increased cost
of paper.

Patronize those who advertise.

Tomorrow
Wednesday
Dec. 22
For One
Day Only

DOLLAR

GIFT DAY

A Most Wonderful Day For Christmas Shoppers

Tomorrow is the DAY—the greatest day of all for Christmas shoppers—their very own day—DOLLAR GIFT DAY! It is a whole day planned entirely for gift seekers—to save you time, to save you energy, to save you money. YOU WILL FIND EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL VALUES ALL OVER THE STORE. Owing to the unusual appeal of such an event, the selling force will be taxed to the limit during the afternoon. So we ask all shoppers to COME IN THE MORNING, if possible, to equalize the service. STORE WILL BE OPEN TILL 9 O'CLOCK.



PRINCESS SLIPS

All the newest styles, also Com-
binations. Nightgowns, etc. Inco-
and embroidery trim-
med, up to \$1.95
values. \$1

HOUSE DRESSES

Well known Electric Make
light or dark col-
ors. Sold regularly
for \$1.50, at \$1

TOWELS

Fancy Turkish Towels, very at-
tractive. "Jacquard" designs. In
blue, gold, and pink.
extra heavy. Two
Towels for \$1

TOILET WATERS

Famous "Colgate" and other
known makes of Toilet Waters;
large sized bottle. Two
bottles for \$1

UNDERSKIRTS

White Satin Underskirts, in regu-
lar and extra sizes; \$1.10
regular price; also white
Underskirts. \$1

KIMONOS

Fine Crepe and Outing Kimonos,
all sizes, large variety of
colors. regular up to
\$1.80 values. \$1



DRESSES

Children's Tub Dresses, made of
good, serviceable materials, long
sleeves, high neck;
regular \$1.50 val-
ues. \$1

GOWNS

Planned to be Nightgowns,
made in neat blue and pink
stripes; also plain col-
ors. Sold always for
\$1.35, at \$1

WAISTS

Newest style Waists in all sizes,
each packed in a beauti-
ful Christmas box; up to
\$1.50 values. \$1

BATH ROBES

Children's Bath Robes, up to
size 14, in plain or floral
patterns; sold regularly
for \$1.50. \$1

DRESSING SACQUES

Very neat embroidered Dressing
Sacques for Infants; also un-
derdressed Kimos-
now \$1.50 regular
price. \$1

SETS

Infants' Comb and Brush Sets,
including attractive Rat-
tles, etc., in either pink or
blue; \$1.50 value. \$1



SWEATERS

Children's Sweaters, in all the
best colors; shawl collar or V-
neck; sold for not
less than \$1.35 reg-
ularly. \$1

SHIRTS

Best make Men's Shirts in a var-
iety of newest stripes;
French or stiff cuffs;
\$1.20 regular price. \$1

HOSE

Men's Silk Hose that will wear
well; many different
shades to select from;
five pairs for \$1

DRESSES

Infants' Long and Short Dresses,
very nicely trimmed; sold regularly
for 50c each; while
they last. Three
for \$1

GLOVES

Kid Gloves for women, in tan,
green, black, white, and
dark brown, all sizes; very
special two for \$1

MANICURE SETS

White Ivory Manicure Sets, con-
sisting of Buffer, Nail File,
Scissors and Buffer. Box
packed in neat Xmas box.
\$1



SLIPPERS

Men's Felt Slippers, in all sizes;
made of good
felt, with service-
able soles. \$1

SWEATERS

Misses' Sweaters, in plain and
colors; a limited quan-
tity; while they last, spe-
cial at \$1

HAND BAGS

Ladies' Hand Bags, made of real
leather, pocketbook at-
tached, beautiful floral
lining, \$2.50 value, at \$1

HOSE

Ladies' Pure Thread Silk Hose,
all the newest shades,
all knit to fit perfectly,
Two for \$1

GLOVES

Ladies' Kid Gloves in black, tan,
brown and white, gloves
or mittens, all sizes, Xmas
box if desired. \$1

CORSETS

Corsets of known make, such as
L. & G. and "W-B," made of best
materials, support-
ers attached. Very
special, \$1.50 values. \$1



CURTAINS

Big selection of either Lace or
Striped Curtains, all newest
designs; just arrived;
\$1.50 values. \$1

OUTING

Best quality Outing, in dark col-
ors, of very neat striped designs;
limited quantity to each
customer—20 yards for
only \$1

PLUMES

Ornith Plumes, in plain black;
also in a variety of col-
ors. Have sold regular-
ly for up to \$3.50. \$1

FANCIES

Big assortment of all this sea-
son's newest fancies. Have
sold regularly at \$1.50
and \$1.95. \$1

BLOUSES

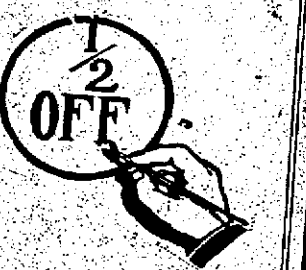
Girls' Middy Blouses, in all sizes;
made of white Jean, with
red, and blue trim-
ming combination, \$1.35 value. \$1

HATS

Men's Hats, either soft or stiff,
in various shades; good
styles, all sizes; up to
\$2.50 values. \$1

SUITS

For Women
and Misses



Thousands of women have al-
ready taken advantage of this
sale—you save when the sav-
ings come in handiest and
you get a full month's longer
wear out of the garment you
buy.

Coats

Women's and
Misses' Coats

\$4.90

Values Up to \$8.90.

A variety of good winter
styles are included in this of-
fer. Many fabrics to select
from, such as plaids, fancy
mixtures, etc. All sizes.

Women's and Misses' Coats

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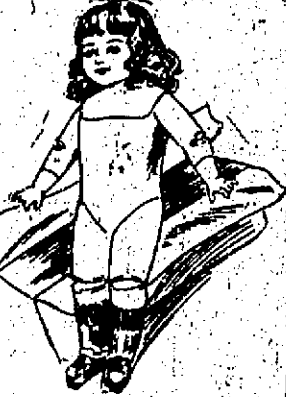
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- Candied Cherries.
- Pitted Cherries.
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- Oriental Cream Filled Wafers.
- Sun Beam Grape Fruit.
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- Florida Oranges.
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- California Layer Figs.
- Cluster Raisins.
- Seedless Raisins.
- Bromeliad Dates.
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- California Walnuts.
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- Salted Almonds.
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- Suspenders in Fancy Christmas Boxes, 75c.
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- Trunks, \$4, to \$30.
- Cedar Chests, \$15.00, to \$25.00.
- Mattings Covered Boxes, \$4.75 and \$6.75.
- Bissell's Sweepers, \$2.75 to \$5.25.
- Bissell's Vacuum Sweepers, \$9.00.
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- Curtains \$1.50 to \$10.
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- Sewing Tables, \$2.50.

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Gifts of Ivory are Always Welcome

- Imitation Ivory Mirrors, \$1.25 to \$4.50.
- Imitation Ivory Hair Brushes, \$1.50 to \$4.50.
- Imitation Ivory Combs, 50c to \$1.25.
- Imitation Ivory Clothes Brushes, \$2.75 to \$3.
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- Imitation Ivory Trays, \$1.25 to \$2.75.
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- Ladies' Crepe de Chine Skirts, \$4.50 to \$6.50.
- Ladies' Crepe de Chine Combinations, \$3.50 to \$7.50.
- Ladies' Envelope Chemise, 2.50 to \$4.50.
- Muslin Drawers, Gowns, Corset Covers or Skirts, 25c to \$5.
- Infants' Novelties, 10c to 50c.
- Infants' Caps, 25c to \$3.50.
- Infants' Dresses, 25c to \$1.50.
- Infants' Booties, 15c to \$2.50.
- Infants' Mittens, 10c to 50c.
- Children's Fur Sets, \$1.25 to \$8.50.
- Misses' Furs, \$5.95 to \$25.00.
- Children's Bath Robes, 75c to \$6.95.
- Children's Kimonos, \$1.25 to \$5.00.
- Ladies' Silk Petticoats, \$2.95 to \$5.00.
- Cotton Crepe Kimonos, \$1.00 to \$3.00.

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A GREAT FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENT IN STEEL MERGER

Is the Surmise Based on the Affiliations of Parties Interested.

LARGE SHIPPING CONNECTIONS

Indicate Far-Reaching Plans for the Extension of American Iron and Steel Trade in the Markets of the World Generally; Plans Shipping.

Far-reaching plans having to do with the extension of American iron and steel trade in foreign lands are, in the opinion of a writer in the Cleveland Daily Iron Trade, believed to be at the basis of the proposed merger of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, the Lackawanna Steel Company and the Cambria Steel Company, the Newport News Ship Building Company, and either the Inland or Inland Steel Company.

It is pointed out that the National City Bank interests of New York City, who recently financed the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company, are interested in the proposed steel consolidation. They also are the organizers of the American International Corporation, which is proposed to be formed to seek and hold foreign trade for American interests. And, too, the Southern Pacific steamship line, which is connected with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, and shipping connections in Central and South America, has been announced.

Again, it has been shown by usually shrewd observers that such a proposed steel merger, with important foreign trade and shipping connections would be directly in line with the suggestions favored by a recent referendum of members of the United States Chamber of Commerce, is holding that American manufacturers and others should be encouraged to work together when the common purpose is shown to be the extension of American interests in foreign trade. With these suggestions in mind, it is interesting to note the developments in connection with each of these three steel companies.

Actual negotiations in the proposed merger have already assumed definite form. Seventy-five per cent of the stockholders of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company have already voted favorably on propositions to option their holdings at \$200 a share. Options on a large block of Cambria Steel Company stock were secured ten days or more ago. Stockholders of the Lackawanna Steel Company have been considering the matter of optioning their holdings for several weeks.

Inasmuch as it may be months before everything is settled in connection with the proposed merger, the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company is going right ahead with its policy of expansion. The directors of the company have authorized the construction of an additional 100-ton blast furnace, adjoining the battery of 201 by-product coke ovens now under construction.

It is understood in Youngstown business circles that Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York and 57th Street, a member of the Morgan Philadelphia house of Drexel & Company, will be directors of the new corporation, while rumor has it that James A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, is slated for the chairmanship.

Owing to the recent activities of Mr. Vanderlip and other eastern financiers in the recently organized American International Corporation and their connection with the steel company merger negotiations, Young-

THE DEMAND FOR STEEL SHOWS NO DIMINUTION

Handicapped With Orders on Hand, New Foreign Business Being Refused; Railroads Buying.

Any belief that the volume of steel business was falling off, was dispelled during the past week by the marvelous report of bookings made public by the United States Steel Corporation when an increase of more than a million tons in orders was shown. A clearer indication that the orders were still coming in at an enormous rate could not be given, says Financial American.

"December is not usually an active month for steel orders, but the normal condition of times in every trade is a fair indication of what can be expected to be followed this year.

"There has been no let-up in the inquiries from abroad, the mills being handicapped in accepting orders already on hand and the uncertainty of conditions prevailing, many of the steel concerns had to turn down or look for other lines of business.

"Railroad inquiries for equipment steel are good, and expectations are that they will become even larger with the beginning of the new year. This feature of the situation is particularly encouraging to the steel companies' officials, because as they view it, the railroad activities in any line forecast what the future business generally will be.

"Steel plants of all kinds continue to operate at the highest possible speed, but it is not believed that any records were shattered because the mills have been working at capacity for weeks and every available plant in use. Third steel production during at least the first half of 1914 will show the largest output in the history of the industry in this country in any doubled. Present bookings of all the high level, so that the business turned out in the next six months will prove highly profitable.

"It is generally expected that there will be no reduction in prices for a long time—in fact, every important advance—and this can only mean that the companies in the coming year will report record earnings. The United States Steel Corporation now keeps its plants at capacity for at least six months, and some of the other concerns are said to have booked orders extending over a longer period.

"One important feature of the fact that only a few concerns are on hand, and there is no doubt that those will not be cancelled because since they were taken prices have been advanced rapidly. For more than two months the steel companies have refused to take any contract business, all the customers being forced to place actual orders and in many cases specifications had to be filed with the business."

COAL SALES IN GREENE

Uniontown Men Got 197 Acres at Sheriff's Sale.

Harry L. Hagan and Charles Hagan have been sold at sheriff's sale, as the property of J. P. Taylor, two tracts of the Pittsburgh vein of coal in Greene township, Greene county, containing 142 1/2 acres; consideration \$28,712.11.

One hundred and ninety-seven acres of coal in Center and Richhill townships have been sold at sheriff's sale, as the property of J. P. Taylor, to J. B. Hopwood, Stewart Henderson and J. B. Adams of Uniontown. The consideration was \$2,070, the amount of the mortgage.

Gifts to President and Cardinal

Show Belgian Children's Gratitude



The commission for relief in Belgium, 71 Broadway, New York, received a few days ago Christmas gifts of members of his family and for Cardinal Gibbons. The simple gifts are touching documents of the feelings of the little Belgians for America. No. 1 shows, from left to right, a jewel case for the President; colored cut glass bowl; embroidered cushion cover and pillow for Cardinal Gibbons. Below, colored pen and ink set of the President Wilson and King and Queen of Belgium, addressed to "The Royal President of Free America From a Thankful Heart in Liege." No. 2 shows the gifts to members of the Wilson family and others. No. 3 shows, enlarged, the hand-painted scroll from a twelve-year-old boy of Liege, addressed to "His Excellency, Sir Edward Wilson, President of the United States in Washington."

A NEW COAL PLANT

Expected to Restore Casselman to the Map of the B. & O.

A large tract of coal land on the south bank of the Casselman river at Casselman has been purchased by J. B. Miller and Irwin Wolf. Preparations are reported under way to begin development of the tract by the construction of a mining plant.

It is expected that the new venture will be the means of restoring business to the town of Casselman, which has been a dead town since the Baltimore & Ohio railway closed its branch line to the town.

New Farmhouse at South Bethlehem. With the completion of his additional open-hearth furnace, at the Steel Company 33 furnaces at this plant, with a monthly capacity of 180,000 tons are now in operation at South Bethlehem.

PIT PROPS HIGHER

Prices Advance in Activity at the Mines Increase.

The increased demand for coal and coke, and the activity in the mines, has caused the mine labor trade to be very much stimulated. There is a larger need for pit props and prices have advanced accordingly.

Standard split props which were selling some time ago at 10 to 11 cents some months ago now bring 13 to 14 cents. Select rounds command higher prices, ranging from 15 to 20 cents. The buyers are in a hurry to get the props, and a choice lot of 5-inch rounds sold recently at 20 cents, being taken by an operator who found his stock depleted at a time when emergency deliveries on other orders could not be made.

The producers of props report a shortage in both labor and supply, and that the situation is becoming more serious. During the strike period, the mine labor trade was very much stimulated, and the producers of props were in a better position to supply the demand. Now, with the strike over, the situation is becoming more serious, and the producers of props are in a better position to supply the demand.

S. D. Sipe & Company of Connelville, who control a large tract between Accident and Oakland, Md., have placed a force of workmen on the property. These are hauled over the Baltimore & Ohio state road to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Oakland. It is planned to shortly supply the teams now employed in this work by a motor-driven truck which will be capable of making three trips a day instead of one made by the teams.

A Huge Coal Contract. Baltimore is the source of the information that the Baltimore & Ohio Corporation of West Virginia has closed a contract involving the delivery of 5,000,000 tons of coal to the United States Steel Corporation. The contract is said to cover a period of three years, the deliveries to be made at Gary, Ind., and other plants of the Steel Corporation.

Coal Imports to Greece. Coal was imported into Greece in 1914 to the amount of 2,410,400 metric tons, which is 71,238 metric tons less than for 1913. This decrease was due to the strike in the mines and the exportation of coal from England and other causes. Imports in a small way were made by American shippers late in 1914.

A CHANGE OF METHOD IN COAL CAR DISTRIBUTION

To be Urged by West Virginia Operators Who Think Other Regions Are Favored.

The Coal Supply Committee of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association has made a report of its investigation into the problem of coal distribution. By this report it is asserted that since September 29 the Connellsville and Somerset districts have been getting about 77 per cent of their maximum allotment of cars while the Fairmont district has been getting only about 47 per cent. The maximum allotment of cars by the Baltimore & Ohio to the Connellsville district is 900 a day and to the Somerset district 100 a day, against the maximum allotment to the Fairmont district of 1,500 a day.

A conference is shortly to be held with the officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with a view to bringing about a more satisfactory situation with respect to coal supply. A plan is being considered which would provide that during the acute car shortage, instead of distributing the cars upon the basis of the percentage of the output of the mines in the region, the supply is exhausted, so that the following day or give 100 per cent of the car supply to the mines which had no supply the day before, leaving those who supplied the day before with only the present percentage distribution. Under the plan the mines are practically in operation every day, but the output is so limited that the cost of production is greatly increased.

Another suggestion is the placing of all shippers of sand, gravel, limestone, steel and other bulk materials upon the percentage basis which governs the distribution of cars to coal mines.

In explanation of the car shortage on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Vice President A. W. Thompson stated Saturday that when it became necessary a few months ago to put the car allotments on a percentage basis it was found that 1,800 loaded cars per day were going from the Baltimore & Ohio to foreign lands in excess of the number of foreign cars being received by the Baltimore & Ohio. It was found that 5,000 cars in use on foreign roads were due the Baltimore & Ohio. "Car chasers" were started after these cars in including in the car account, some what more satisfactorily, but much more remains to be done in this particular.

LAKE SHIPPING RATES

Seaman's Law and Order to Sell Steamer Lines Prevents Adjustment.

Nothing definite has been done in the matter of fixing shipping rates on the Great Lakes for next year, most of the vessel owners being of opinion that the LaFollette shipping law will be modified. Still another factor is the order to the railroad to dispose of their Lake steamship lines. If this shall become a reality, it is likely to have an important bearing on lake rates. Next year and for all the years thereafter, it would mean the disposal by the United States Steel Corporation, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, and others of their lake lines, and would likely mean higher cost to these companies for car carriage, hence of manufacture.

Bridge Business Brisk. The American Bridge Company is now operating its eastern plants at close to full capacity, and operations during the month will probably average about 75% of total capacity.

Mine Output Sold. The complete mining equipment of the Franklin Coal Company at West Cretz, Pa., has been sold at the auction of J. J. Miller, owner of the acreage which was being operated.

YOUNG MEN URGED TO SERVE A TERM IN NATIONAL GUARD

Youth of the Nation Knows Little of Military Fundamentals.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS ASKED

How Many Times Can You Hit a Target With Rifle? Can You Cook Care for Yourself and Get Proper Rest on a Hike. Are Some Inquiries.

The spirit of preparedness has come close to home. The youth of Connellsville is being questioned as to what it knows about soldiering—how many times it can hit a target, how long it would take to learn to be an efficient military man in case this country should be drawn into a war of defense. Little leaflets circulated by Captain T. C. Herwick and other officers of Company D contain the following questions:

Do you agree that every American should be a fair shot with a rifle? Are you? Have you ever shot a military rifle? Do you know what an inexperienced man do not average one hit in 10?

Do you think you could do better? If not why not learn? Do you know that the National Government provides rifle ammunition, range, expenses, etc., absolutely free to the National Guard?

Do you know anything about drill? Could you handle a squad or platoon? Do you know anything about taking care of yourself on a hike?

Could you cook your own rations, take care of your equipment, build a shelter tent or secure your needed rest on a hike or bivouac? Do you know that the Pennsylvania National Guard is now supported to teach young men just these things without interfering with other duties?

Do you know that under our system of government every citizen is voluntarily supposed to be a soldier? If you believe in our system of government, why not learn these things by serving at least one enlistment in the National Guard?

"No young man can fail to be impressed with his lack of knowledge of the fundamentals of military training if he reads himself these questions." Do you know that the Pennsylvania National Guard is now supported to teach young men just these things without interfering with other duties? Information can be received by applying to Captain Herwick at the armory on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings or daily at Boys' Porter Company office.

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FEED THE QUAIL IS PLAN OF THE WILD LIFE LEAGUE

Various Branches Over State
Propose to Protect Them
in Winter.

CENSUS HAS BEEN ORDERED

Coveys Will be Located and Trapped
for the Winter if They Cannot be
Protected Otherwise; Hope to Make
State a Paradise for the Birds.

Organizations of the Wild Life League of Pennsylvania, in all parts of the State have been asked to co-operate with the Game Commission and the Boy Scouts in organizing a plan for systematic winter feeding of quail and wild turkeys throughout the State. Many league branches did this work in previous years, but no general plan has hitherto been devised. It is believed all of the 80 branches will get into action to save what are left of the native quail and turkeys.

The plan contemplates a census of the coveys of quail and their positive location, so that food can be shipped to the nearest points and then the distribution of plans for systematic feeding during the severe weather and the construction of winter shelter where no natural cover exists.

It is estimated that more than 300 coveys of native quail have been marked for winter feeding by league organizations and it is hoped that this number will be doubled in the next two weeks. In some cases it may even be necessary to trap these birds and feed them all winter, releasing them in pairs next spring.

With these steps taken to preserve the native quail and with the probability that 10,000 quail from the highlands of Mexico will be available for planting, the league hopes to bring back the quail to many sections of the State. The call to its members asks that the bird census be reported by January 1, and plans for systematic feeding of the birds be reported by that date.

In localities where the flocks of wild turkeys are shy of either golfers or hunters, the league will endeavor to restore a proper balance by liberating birds taken from other sections.

MOSTLY BOY BABIES

London Experts Do Not, However, Believe It on the War.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In the birth column of one of the London newspapers three-fifths of the births announced are of the male sex, according to a correspondent who puts forth the theory that there are more boys than girls born during war times.

The Registrar-General's department, however, does not encourage this theory, on being questioned on the subject, the following statement was elicited:

"After the only great war the nation has waged since ancient statistics have been recorded, the Census there was no marked increase in the proportion of boys. The excess of boys over girls during the years 1861 to 1906, which includes the war, was less in fact than during the previous ten years."

A Lake Steamer Merged.
It is reported from Cleveland that negotiations for a proposed merger of large freight-carrying steamer lines in the Great Lakes have virtually been closed. According to the information given out the merged fleet will comprise 50 vessels and will be operated as an adjunct of the proposed steel merger.

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I Haven't Time.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene,
by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D.,
L. L. D., Commissioner
of Health.

The season for good resolutions is approaching. Within a fortnight thousands of men and women will have resolved to begin the new year with a definite purpose of doing off some bad habit or commencing some effort at self improvement.

It seems impossible so largely to devote upon health that many of these resolutions will center upon conditions relating to personal welfare. It is not so difficult in this age of self education to analyze our habits and discover where our weakness lies. Neither is it beyond the majority of us to plan a sensible course which if adhered to would bring about improvement. The task lies in adhering to the plan that we have made.

Perhaps the most common plan which we make to excuse failure to carry out our good intentions is the want of time. "I haven't time," has grown to be one of the commonest of phrases. There is no question about it, this is a rapid age. The possibilities for accomplishment are great; what we lack is time.

The man of business knows he needs more physical exercise and appreciates the fact that he feels the better for it but dreads himself because he hasn't time. We lack time to eat properly, to sleep properly, to rest properly. Twenty-four hours seems too short a day for many of us and what is the result?

Continually placing the lack of time we rush from one thing to another and in the end the aggregate of accomplishment is little enough to boast of.

Our clocks seem to be ticking at the rate of one hundred and twenty seconds to the minute but all the hour hand travels at the same old pace. Unquestionably the majority of us would be happier and healthier if we cultivated repose. Tranquility is becoming a lost art and as a result disturbing nervous complaints are far more frequent than formerly.

The cultivation of composure need not mean a reduction in our ability to achieve results. It is almost certain to insure us time through application for many things which will make life better worth the living.

PIPES FOR SOLDIERS

New War Relief Scheme is Launched
in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Soldiers in the trenches of Europe this winter are to be supplied with pipes from the United States and any American who wants to send such a gift to a Belgian, a French or a Russian fighter may do so by contributing ten cents to the Soldiers' Pipe Fund.

The men at the front want and need a good durable pipe. The demand for such an article has been very insistent, and Viscount H. Y. de Lendenek, of Warve Sie-Catheline, Belgium, has undertaken to supply it. He has had manufactured in America an excellent pipe for the purpose; strong, light easy to clean and sanitary, and he has in hand the requisites of contributions and the prompt shipment of the pipes to whatever army of the Allies the giver designates.

Women on Staff.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Women now form the staff of three horse depots at Rouen, where they do not only do military stable duty and grooming the horses, but are actually instructing soldiers in riding. This is the most startling kind of war work yet undertaken by women.

Wigwag Begin New Mine.

Work has been commenced on the proposed new mine to be opened on the Gaut farm in the Yukon district by the Why Company & Co. Company. A 200-acre tract recently purchased will be developed.

FRENCH ARE SUSPICIOUS

Every Stranger is Looked Upon as Possible Spy.

By Associated Press.
PARIS, Dec. 21.—The French expression "Taisez-vous," which is usually equivalent to "Shut your mouth," though less impolite and familiar, has now become classic through the posters distributed throughout France by Monsieur Billard, former minister of war, just before he retired from that post, to caution people against revealing military information.

The poster reads:
"Taisez-vous. Mieux-voulez. Les oreilles ennemies vous écoutent."
In English it means:
"Shut up, or keep silent! Be mistrustful! Enemy's ears are listening to you!"

Hundreds of thousands of these posters have been hung in public places, and the warning they carry has given rise to as yet no serious incidents. They have served to increase the suspicion of espionage that is everywhere; rifle and tank civilization and soldiers are led into unnecessary alarm by the presence of German-looking persons in public places.

If a man seeking to draw information from other people and if he is dumb he is thought to be a listening spy. Thus, on the occasion of a loyal Frenchman who happened to be blind and comatose. There were four women in the compartment of a railroad carriage with him. He lay back in the corner with eyes closed, though not asleep.

"He's too blind to be a Frenchman," one woman whispered. "Too stupid," suggested another. "A counterfeit Swiss," "Dutchman," a third believed. "And, why is he so silent?" added another. "He pretends to be sleeping, but he is only listening."

Denounced to the military commissary at the next station, the Frenchman showed his secret conduct as a member of the French Chamber of Deputies.

WOMEN ARE WORKERS

Additional Levy by Men of Austria Makes Labor Scarcity.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 21.—With the new levy in Austria-Hungary drawing away yet many thousands more men from civil occupations, the demand for female help has been further increased. Women are now not only welcomed, but eagerly sought for in various fields of industry and commerce from which they were previously sternly excluded. But at the same time they have been given, to understand that this is only a temporary condition and they must be prepared to make room for the men, when these come back from the field.

Quite apart from the much talked of women street car conductors, one sees the sex engaged now in all kinds of work, in factories, stores and offices, everywhere. In the laboratories of great industrial plants the "Frau Doktor" is standing behind the desk, not only welcomed, but engaged in the most intricate chemical analysis. Before the war she was only admitted as an assistant, but now one of her male colleagues was called to the army, she was permitted to fill his place.

Coning into Vienna on the northern railway, hundreds of women may be seen working on the gigantic coal heaps, shoveling the coal into the hopper and performing the heaviest kind of manual labor. Formerly everybody would have scoffed at the idea of a female "hoodlum," but now nobody turns to look at her.

Mimic Warfare for U. S. Troops.

PANAMA, Dec. 21.—The United States troops stationed in the Canal Zone will engage in extensive field work during the coming dry season, beginning with January. At first the various regiments, companies and battalions, will be employed as separate units, but later the entire mobile force of the Canal troops will take the field in a series of maneuvers. A mimic war will be waged with the idea that the Canal is being attacked from the Pacific.

House Bottles Cost More.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The real excuse for the recent advance of six cents for the bottle of whisky, brandy and spirit distillers is the alarming shortage of bottles. High prices are paid for bottles of the poorest quality, manufacturers told us in London no longer about the shapes of the bottles, whether square or fancy, but simply to send bottles.

Do You Want Help?

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And Head, Burned and Itched, Looked Very Ugly. Face Disfigured. Used Cuticura, in Two Months Free From Trouble. Now Skin Like Velvet.

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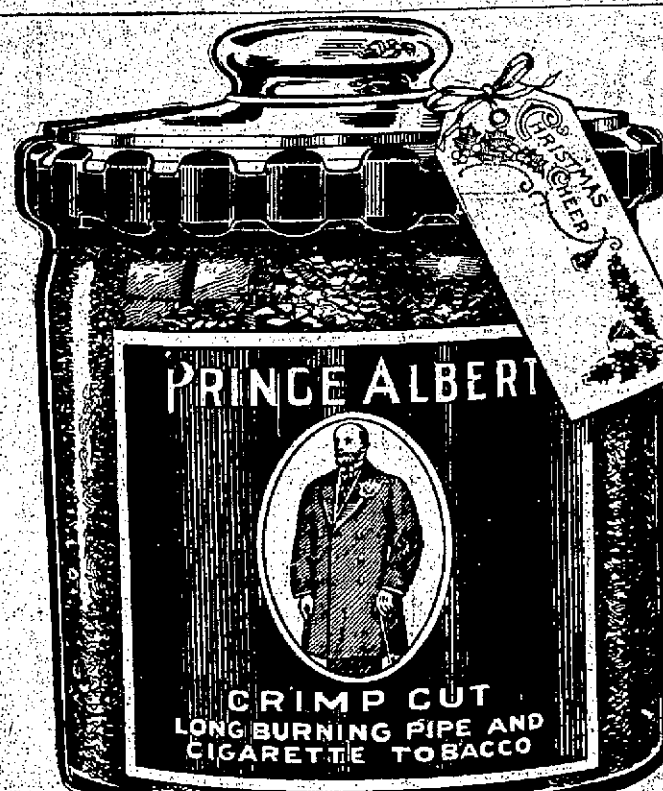
Go right up and down the line on gifts—you won't strike one near the cost of this P. A. humidor that wins such hearty appreciation!

For a smoking-man gets a lot of home happiness and contentment out of Prince Albert! It's so delightful in a pipe or rolled into a cigarette. And that humidor, with its sponge-moistener top, is a joy's outfit for any man to call his own. Keeps the tobacco in such dandy trim.

And bear in mind, when you buy this humidor, that

Prince Albert tobacco is made by our own patented process! That's why it's so good—besides cutting out bite and parch! And that's why it's popular with men of all tastes all over the world! He will like it, sure; because he can smoke it all day and all evening—it will not irritate his tongue!

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Many women reach home all tired out, with a splitting headache and a general case of "nerves." There's an air of deep gloom in the household. Experiences of this kind are usually attributed to the exhaustion of a "hard day," but a careful investigation will show that in very many of these cases the system is principally at fault.

There is only one adequate form of relief—a thorough examination of the eyes at the hands of a specialist who knows his business and glasses that meet your particular requirements.

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The SEA WOLF

JACK LONDON

The upshot of the affair was that the accompanied me next morning. I rowed into the adjoining cove and up to the edge of the beach. There were seals all about us in the water.



Whenever One Looked Tired and Legged She Let It Pass.

And the following thousands on the beach compelled us to shoot at each other to make ourselves heard.

"I know men club them," I said, trying to reassure myself and gazing doubtfully at a large bull, not thirty feet away, upreared on his fore-limbs and regarding me intently. "But the question is, how do they club them?"

She was as frightened as I at the prospect, and we had reason to be, gazing at close range at the gleaming teeth and doglike mouths.

"I think the tundra grass will make just as good a roof," she said. Far from her intention, her words were maddening me, driving me on. I could not play the coward before her eyes.

"Here goes," I said, backing water with one oar and running the boat ashore.

I stepped out and advanced valiantly upon a long-maned bull in the midst of his wives. I was armed with the regular club with which the boat-pullers killed the wounded seals gaffed aboard by the hunters. It was only a foot and a half long, and in my superb ignorance I never dreamed that the club used before when raiding the rookeries measured four to five feet.

"Do be cautious," she called after me. I nodded my head and proceeded to make a flank attack on the neutral harem. All went well until I aimed a blow at an outlying cow's head and fell short. She snorted and tried to scramble away. I ran in close and struck another blow, hitting the shoulder instead of the head.

"Watch out!" I heard Maud scream. In my excitement I had not been taking notice of other things, and I looked up to see the lord of the harem charging down upon me. I fled to the boat, hotly pursued.

"It would be better, I imagine, if you let harem alone and devoted your attention to lonely and inoffensive-looking seals," was what she said.

"I think I have read something about them," Doctor Jordan's book, I believe. They are the young bulls, not old enough to have harems of their own. He called them the holuschickies, or something like that. It means to me if we find where they haul out.

"It seems to me that your fighting instinct is aroused," I laughed. She flushed quickly and prettily. "I'll admit I don't like doing any more than you do, or any more than I like the idea of killing such pretty, inoffensive creatures."

"Pretty!" I snuffed. "I failed to mark anything prominently beastly about those foamy-mouthed beasts that feed on seal blubber."

"Your point of view," she laughed. "You lacked perspective. Now if you did not have to get so close to the subject—"

"The very thing!" I cried. "What I need is a longer club. And there's that broken oar ready to hand."

"It just comes to me," she said. "That Captain Larsen was telling me how the men raided the rookeries. They drive the seals to small heads, a short distance inland before they kill them."

"I don't care to undertake the herding of one of those harems," I objected.

"But there are the holuschickies," she said. "The holuschickies haul out by themselves, and Doctor Jordan says that paths are left between the harems, and that as long as the holuschickies keep strictly to the paths they are unmolested by the masters of the harem."

"There's one now," I said, pointing to a young bull in the water. "Let's watch him, and follow him if he hauls out."

He swam directly to the beach and clambered out into a small opening between two harems, the masters of which made warbling noises but did

not attack him. We watched him travel slowly inward, threatening about among the harems along what must have been the path.

A quarter of a mile inland we came upon the holuschickie-sleek young bulls, living out the loneliness of their bachelorhood and gathering strength against the day when they would fight their way into the ranks of the bachelors.

Everything now went smoothly. I seemed to know just what to do and how to do it. Shouting, making threatening gestures with my club, and even prodding the lazy ones, I quickly cut out a score of the young bachelors from their companions.

Whenever only made an attempt to break back toward the water, I headed it off. Maud took an active part in the drive, and with her cries and flourishes of the broken oar was of considerable assistance. I noticed, though, that whenever one looked tired and legged, she let it slip past.

But I noticed, also, whenever one with a show of fight, tried to break past, that her eyes glinted and showed bright, and she rapped it smartly with her club.

"My, it's exciting!" she cried, pausing from her weakness. "I think I'll sit down."

I drove the little herd a dozen strong now, what of the escapes she had permitted a hundred yards farther on; and by the time she joined me I had finished the slaughter and was beginning to skin. An hour later we went proudly back along the path between the harems. And twice again we came down the path burdened with skins. Till I thought we had enough to roof the hut. I set the sail, laid one tack out of the cove, and on the other tack made our own little inner cove cover the entrance.

"It's just like home-coming," Maud said, as I ran the boat ashore.

I heard her words with a responsive thrill. It was all so dearly intimate and natural, and I said:

"It seems as though I have lived this life always. The world of books and bookish folk is very vague, more like a dream memory than an actuality. I surely have hunted and fished and fought all the days of my life. And you, too, seem a part of it. You are—"

"I was on the verge of saying, 'my woman, my mate,' but I glibly changed it to—'standing the hardship well.'"

But her ear had caught the flaw. She recognized a faint that midmost broke. She gave me a quick look.

"Not that. You were saying—"

"That the American Mrs. Maynard was living the life of a savage and living it quite successfully," I said calmly.

"Oh," was all she replied; but I could have sworn there was a note of disappointment in her voice.

But my woman, my mate, kept ringing in my head for the rest of the day and for many days. Yet never did it ring more loudly than that night, as I watched her draw back the blanket of moss from the coals, blow up the fire, and cook the evening meal. It must have been latent savagery stirring in me, for the old words, so bound up with the roots of the race, to grip me and thrill me. And grip and thrill they did, till I fell asleep, murmuring them to myself over and over again.

"It will smelt," I said, "but it will keep in the heat and keep out the rain and snow."

We were surveying the completed sealskin roof.

"It is clumsy, but it will serve the purpose, and that is the main thing," I went on, yearning for her praise.

And she clapped her hands and declared that she was hugely pleased.

"But it is dark in here," she said the next moment, her shoulders shivering with a little involuntary shiver.

"You might have suggested a wind-dow when the walls were going up," I said. "It was for you, and you should have seen the need of a window."

"But I never do see the obvious, you know," she laughed back. "And besides, you can knock a hole in the wall at any time."

"Quite true," I had not thought of it. I replied, wagging my head angrily. "But have you thought of ordering the window glass? Just call up the firm—Red, 4451, I think it is—and tell them what size and kind of glass you wish."

"That means—" she began.

"No window."

It was a dark and evil-sounding thing, that hut, not fit for night better than a swine in a civilized land; but for the who had known the misery of the open boat, it was a snug little habitation. Following the housewarming, which was accomplished by means of seal-oil and a wick made from cotton calking came the hunting for our winter's meat, and the building of the second hut. It was a simple affair, now, to go forth in the morning and return by noon with a boatload of seals. And then, while I worked at building the hut, Maud tried out the oil from the blubber and kept a slow fire under the frames of meat. I had heard of jerking beef on the plains, and our seal meat, cut in thin strips and hung in the smoke, cured excellently.

The second hut was easier to erect, for I built it against the first, and only three walls were required. But it was work, hard work, all of it. Maud and I worked from dawn till dark, to the limit of our strength, so that when night came we crawled stiffly to bed and adopted the animal-like sleep of exhaustion. And yet Maud declared that she had never felt better or stronger in her life. I knew this was true of myself, but hers was such a lily strength that I feared she would break down. Often and often, her last reserve force gone, I have seen her stretched flat on her back on the sand in the way she had of resting and recuperating. And then she would be up on her feet and toiling hard as ever. Where she obtained this strength was the matter to me.

"Think of the long rest this winter," was her reply to my remonstrances. "Why, we'll be clamorous for something to do."

We held a housewarming in my hut the night it was roofed. I had no knowledge of the force storm which had swung around the compass from the southeast to the northwest, and which was then blowing directly in upon us. The benches of the outer cove were about as high as Maud's, and even in our land-locked inner cove a respectable sea was breaking. No high backbone of island sheltered us from the wind, and it whistled and belled about the hut till at times I feared for the strength of the walls. The skin roof, stretched tightly as a drumhead I had thought, sagged and belled with every gust, and innumerable interstices in the walls, not so tightly stuffed with moss as Maud had supposed, disclosed themselves. Yet the seal oil burned brightly and we were warm and comfortable.

It was a pleasant evening indeed, and we voted that as a social function on Endeavor Island it had not been eclipsed. Our minds were at ease. Not only had we resigned ourselves to the bitter winter, but we were prepared for it. The seals could depart on their mysterious journey into the south at any time, now, for all we cared, and the storms held no terror for us. Not only were we sure of being dry and warm and sheltered from the wind, but we had the softest and most luxurious mattresses that could be made from moss. This had been Maud's idea, and she had herself jealously gathered all the moss. This was to be my first night on the mattress, and I knew I should sleep the sweeter because she had made it.

As she rose to go she turned to me with the whimsical way she had, and said:

"Something is going to happen—is appealing for that matter. I feel it. Something is coming here, to us. It is coming now. I don't know what, but it is coming."

"Good or bad?" I asked.

She shook her head. "I don't know, but it is the something."

She pointed in the direction of the sea and wind.

"It's a lee shore," I laughed, "and I am sure I'd rather be here than arriving a night like this."

"On an on, not frightened?" I asked as I stopped to open the door for her. Her eyes looked bravely into mine. "And you feel well? Perfectly well?"

"Never better," was her answer. We talked a little longer before she went.

"Good night, Maud," I said.

"Good night, Humphrey," she said. This use of our given names had come quite as a matter of course, and was as unpremeditated as it was natural. In that moment I could have put my arms around her and drawn her to me. I should certainly have done so out in that world to which we belonged. As it was, the situation stopped there in the only way it could, but we left alone in my little hut glowing warmly through and through with a pleasant satisfaction; and I knew that a tie, or a tacit something, existed between us which had not existed before.

CHAPTER XXVI.

I awoke, oppressed by a mysterious sensation. There seemed something missing in my environment. But the mystery and oppressiveness vanished after the first few seconds of waking, when I identified the missing something as the wind. When I had dressed and opened the door, I heard the waves still lapping on the beach, gurglingly attesting the fury of the night. I had slept late, and I stopped outside with sudden energy, bent upon making up lost time, as befitting a dweller on Endeavor Island. I heard that when outside, I stopped short. I believed my eyes without question, and yet I was for the moment stunned by what they disclosed to me. There, on the beach, not fifty feet away, between the two huts, stood a figure. A little hunched, old, decrepit figure, with shrouds, sheets, and ragged canvas, were rubbing gently alongside. I could have rubbed my eyes as I looked. There was the home-made galley we had built, the familiar break of the poop, the low yacht-cabin scarcely rising above the rail. It was the Ghost.

It came upon me suddenly, a strange, that nothing moving aboard. Worried from the night of struggle and wreck, all hands were yet asleep. Maud and I might yet escape. I would call her and start. My hand was lifted at her door to knock, when I recognized the smallness of the figure. We could never hide ourselves upon the wide. There was nothing for us but the wide raw ocean. I thought of our snug little hut, our supplies of food, and the oil and moss and froward, and I knew that we could never survive the wintry sea and the great storms which were to come.

And then, in a flash, the better solution came to me. My hand was yet raised, why not creep aboard the Ghost? Well, I knew the way to Wolf

Larsen's bunk—and kill him in his sleep? After that—well, we would see. But with him dead there was time and space in which to prepare to do other things; and besides, whatever how situation arose, it could not possibly be worse than the present one.

My knife was at my hip. I returned to my hut for the shotgun, made sure it was loaded, and went down to the Ghost. With some difficulty, and at the expense of a waiting to the waist, I climbed aboard. The forecastle scuttle was open. I paused to listen for the breathing of the men, but there was no breathing. I cautiously descended the ladder. The place had the empty and misty feel and smell usual to a dwelling no longer inhabited. Everywhere was a thick litter of the worthless forecastle dunnage of a long voyage. I noted that the boats were missing. The steering told the same tale as the forecastle. The hunters had packed their belongings with similar haste. The Ghost was deserted.

The reaction from my fear, and the knowledge that the terrible deed I had come to do was no longer necessary, made me boyish and eager. I sprang up the break of the poop, and saw—Wolf Larsen. What of my impression, and the summer surprise, I clattered three or four steps along the deck before I could stop myself. He was standing in the companionway, only his head and shoulders visible, staring straight at me. His arms were hanging on the half-open slide. He made no movement whatever—simply stood there, staring at me.

I began to tremble. The old stomach sickness clutched me. I put one hand on the edge of the house to steady myself. My lips seemed suddenly dry, and I moistened them against the need of speech. Nor did I for an instant take my eyes off him. Neither of us spoke. There was something ominous in his silence, his immobility. All my old fear of him returned, and by new fear was increased a hundred fold. And still we stood, the pair of us, staring at each other.

I was aware of the demand for action, and my old helplessness drove upon me. I was waiting for him to take the initiative. Then, as the moments went by, it was at last impressed upon me that I was there, not to have Wolf Larsen take the initiative, but to take it myself.

I cooked both barrels and leveled the shotgun at him. Had he moved, attempted to drop down the companionway, I knew I would have shot at him. But he stood motionless and staring as before. And as I faced him, with leveled gun shaking in my hands, I had time to note the worn and haggard appearance of his face. It was as if some strong anxiety had gnawed at the cheeks and chin, and there was a weary, puffed expression on the brow. And it

seemed to me that his eyes were staring, not only the expression, but the physical seeming, as though the optic nerves and supporting muscles had suffered strain and slightly twisted the eyeballs.

All this I saw, and my brain now working rapidly, I thought a thousand thoughts, and yet could not pull the trigger. I lowered the gun, and stepped to the corner of the cabin, primarily to relieve the tension on my nerves and to make a new start, and incidentally to be closer. Again I raised the gun. My eye was almost at arms' length. There was no hope for him. I was resolved. There was no possible chance of missing him, no matter how poor my marksmanship. And yet I wavered, with myself and could not pull the trigger.

"Well," he demanded impatiently, "I strove vainly to force my fingers down on the triggers, and vainly strove to say something."

"Why don't you shoot?" he asked. I cleared my throat of a huskiness which prevented speech.

"Hump," he said slowly, "you can't do it. You are not exactly afraid. You are impotent. Your conventional morality is stronger than you. You are the slave to the opinions which have crept into the people you have known, and have read about. Their code has been drummed into your head from the time you lisped, and in spite of your philosophy, and of what I have taught you, it won't let you kill an unarmed, unresisting man."

"I know it," I said hoarsely.

"And you know that I would kill an unarmed man as readily as I would smoke a cigar," he went on. "You know me for what I am—worth to the world by your standard. You have called me snake, tiger, shark, monster, and Caliban. And yet you little red puppet, you little echelon

mechanism, you are unable to kill me as you would a snake or a shark, because I have hands, feet, and a body shaped somewhat like yours. Bah! I had hoped better things of you, Hump."

He stopped out of the companion way and came up to me.

"Put down that gun. I want to ask you some questions. I haven't had a chance to look around yet. What place is this? How is the Ghost lying? How did you get here?"

I had backed away from him, almost weeping at my inability to shoot him; but not fool enough to put down the gun. I hoped, desperately, that he might commit some hostile act, at least to strike me or choke me; for in such way, only, I knew I could be stirred to shoot.

"This is Endeavor Island," I said. "Never heard of it," he broke in. "At least, that's our name for it," I amended.

"Our?" he queried. "Who's our?"

"Miss Brewster and myself. And the Ghost is lying, as you can see for yourself, bow-on to the beach."

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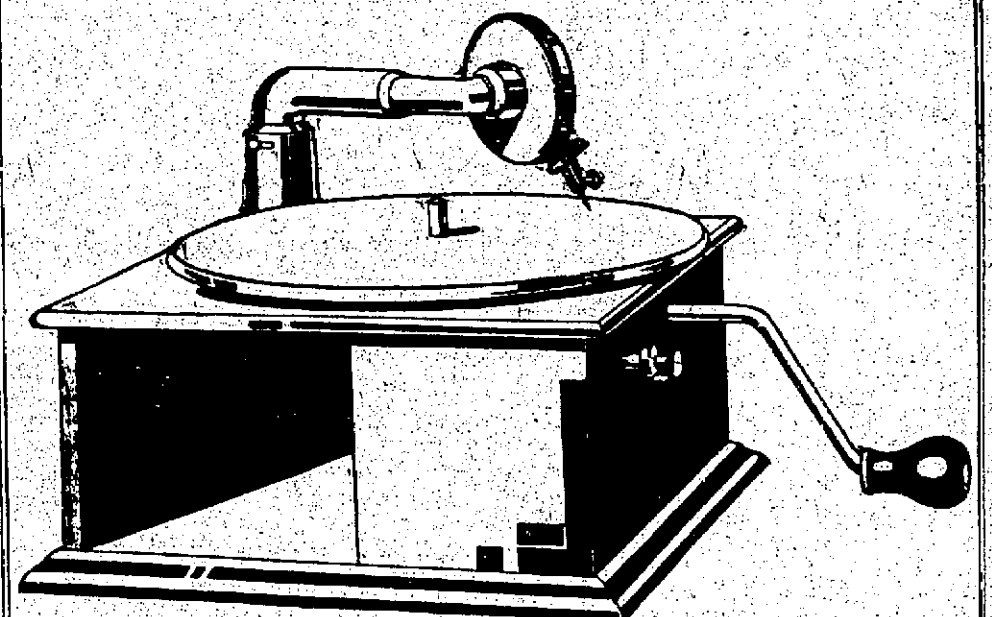
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FOR PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS AT GRADE CROSSINGS

The Purpose of a Campaign by Officials of the Railroads.

AUTOISTS DISREGARD DANGER

Thereby Becoming the Chief Offenders Against Public Safety at Grade Crossings.

The railroads of the United States have undertaken a campaign for the prevention of accidents at grade crossings. The American Railway Association has designated a committee of its members, all railway officials, to consider the entire question.

This committee will present recommendations after a thorough investigation, for action to bring about a reduction of one of the most numerous causes of railway accidents, and one which is rapidly increasing. In spite of the many millions that have been expended by the railroads for the elimination of grade crossings.

The importance of the problem is indicated by the fact that during the last 10 years the Interstate Commerce Commission has reported a total of 9,479 persons killed and 110,017 injured by the falling of in traffic in 1914. This is doubtless largely due to the increase in the use of automobiles.

Naturally, the chances for grade crossing accidents increase with the number of trains run, and the railroads, by heavier trainloads, have prevented the number of trains run from increasing in proportion to the increase of grade crossing accidents.

Nevertheless, many accidents during the past year have resulted from the failure of the railroad companies to run shorter, and consequently more trains.

The permanent remedy for crossing accidents is the elevation or depression of the tracks. Public authorities are coming more and more to demand this form of remedy, and railroads generally have shown a disposition to apply this method of the separation of the highway and highway grades, but were deterred largely by the expense involved. It has been found, however, that the average cost of eliminating grade crossings is about \$50,000 each, a sum which, during recent years of lean traffic on the railroads, has become large when scheduling the items of proposed betterments.

Statistics collected by the railroads show that automobile drivers constitute the largest class of offenders against common caution, and rules of the road, relative to the risks assumed at grade crossings. One western road reports that out of 17,021 motorists approaching railroad crossings in a number of widely separated localities, 69 1/2 per cent looked neither to the right or left before crossing; 2 per cent looked in one direction, only 28 per cent looked in both directions; 9 per cent ran over the crossings at a reckless rate of speed, while only 35 drivers of the whole number observed stopped before crossing. Similar observations taken a year later at the same places, after the road had given a great deal of publicity to its efforts to reduce this kind of accidents and had appealed for the co-operation of the local authorities and automobile clubs, showed a considerable improvement.

The Baltimore & Ohio had similar observations made at Uniontown on September 12, when out of 729 automobiles crossing the tracks at East

Payette street in 12 hours, only 28 stopped to ascertain whether or not a train was approaching, and 600 were not even slowed down. There were not 136 drivers who looked in both directions, while 642 did not look at all before crossing.

Where grade crossings have not been eliminated, many roads have placed large warning signs or signals at the approaches, but even where protective devices are in service they depend for their efficiency largely on the attitude of the public using the highways. Engineers are trained to be careful and are impressed with the importance of sounding the whistle at crossings, but many automobile drivers approach railroad tracks without any effort to ascertain whether it is safe to cross.

So regardless of the danger to auto drivers become in some sections that one railroad found it necessary to install some crossing gates. These gates, however, because automobiles persisted in breaking through ordinary gates when set against the highway traffic on account of the approach of trains.

THE CAR SHORTAGE

Statistics Show That It Is Not as Bad as It Seems to Be.

With railroad embargoes increasing in effectiveness and scope, the general public has gained the impression that every freight car is in use and that the railroads could use thousands of additional cars if they could only lay hands on them. A report just issued by the American Railway Association, presents a different view.

According to this report there were 5,000 more idle cars on the railroads of the United States and Canada on December 1 than there were on November 1; also the car shortage reported on December 1 was smaller by about 5,000 cars than the shortage reported a month before. The total net surplus of idle cars on December 1 was 25,100 cars, against 28,288 on November 1.

The unused cars were well distributed, but there were more in the Northwest and on the Pacific Coast than in any section. The cry for more cars came principally from Canada and from the coal regions of the United States.

ATLANTA DIES

Injury in Football Game Ultimately Proved Fatal.

Word has been received here by Abe Shout, an employee at the Payette Produce Company on the West Side, of the death of his brother, Harry Shout, who died at the West Point Hospital, Pittsburgh, this morning. Harry Shout was a member of the varsity football team of the University of Pittsburgh during 1913-14. In this latter year he had his knee injured and about six months ago it developed gangrene and he has been in the hospital since.

At the Thanksgiving Day game this year a leg day for his knee was held. A. J. Daniels of this place is a cousin of Harry Shout.

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THE FUTURE FOR STEEL

Indications of Increased Demand Rather Than Decreased Demand.

Forecasting the prospects of the iron and steel trade for the early future The Steel and Metal Digest asserts with some confidence that the present activity is not likely to abate for some months. "While the mills and furnaces," it notes, "are very well sold up for months there are no prospects of decreased consumptive demand, but rather indications of increased pressure in future. Railroads have not bought as many cars as was expected, some of them definitely refusing to buy on account of prices asked, and thus a short interest accumulates. The mills have largely withdrawn from the export market and a short interest is probably accumulating there also.

"As prices show no tendency to stop advancing, and as mills already cannot make as good deliveries as desired, the definite prospect is that some consumption will be shut off or deferred, and thus the period of activity promises to be prolonged. While the war demand is heavy it is no longer the backbone of the iron and steel market."

Increase of P. H. H. Freight.

The loaded freight car movement on the Pennsylvania railroad lines passing eight representative junction points during the first fourteen days of December, totaled 372,177 cars, an increase of 75,734 cars, or 25.6 per cent, over the corresponding period of 1914. The daily average movement was 26,583 cars, an increase of 5,419 cars.

German Steel Industry Gains.

The annual statement of the German iron and steel manufacturers, shows that since the beginning of the year, until July, 1915, the number of employed workmen has increased from 417,000 to 447,000. The steel output up to October, 1915, reached 77 per cent of the average normal production.

U. S. LEAD THE WORLD

After the War, is the Sanguine Prediction of Judge Gary.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, president of the United States Steel Corporation, predicts that the United States can be leader of the world when the European war is over, and that England will adopt protective tariffs. He says: "Why, longer war lasts, the worse it will be for those engaged and better for this country. With cost of war \$40,000,000,000 annually, loss of productive capacity by death of 4,000,000 men annually and displacement of twice that number, the signals at crossings of the United States must be very greatly increased. "Future conditions, however, in this country will be largely determined by the attitude of the government toward capital and business."

STRIKES COAL

Owen Murphy, Contractor, Now Operator, Developing Washington Trust.

Owen Murphy, the contractor, and former resident of Connelville, but now a coal operator with residence at Latrobe, has struck coal at a depth of 410 feet in a shaft he is sinking on a tract at Coon Island, Washington county. The seam is sixty feet in thickness and of good quality.

Operator Murphy owns 800 acres of coal in this field and has completed plans to operate on a large scale. The shaft now being sunk will be lined with concrete and a complete triple and mine equipment installed. It is expected that eventually 500, or 600 men will be given employment at this plant.

Republic Not to Merge.

John A. Topping, chairman of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, has officially announced that merger rumors concerning his company and other steel interests are without foundation whatever.

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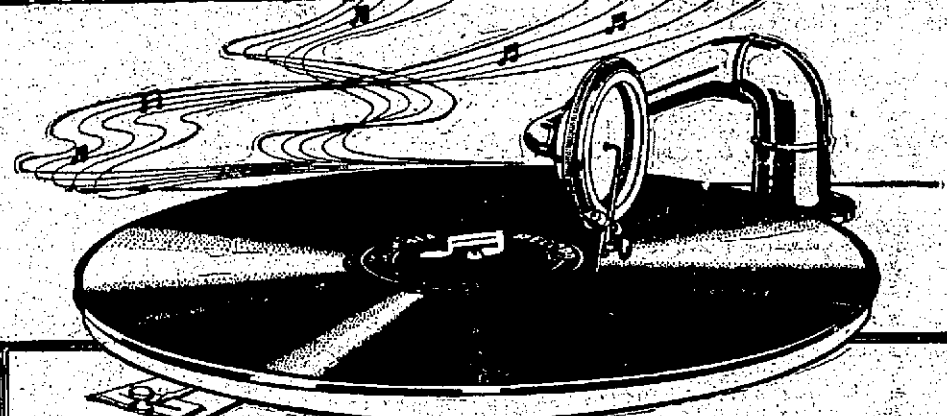
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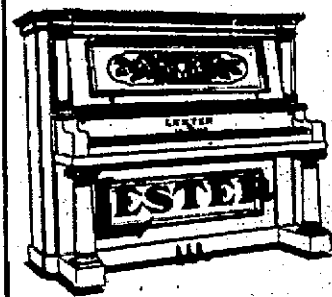


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